

Application No. 10/590,761
Supplemental Preliminary Amendment

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

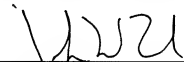
Claims 1, 4, 6, and 8 have been amended, and claims 2, 3, 5, and 7 have been cancelled by this submission.

It is respectfully requested that the foregoing preliminary amendment be entered prior to examination. If these amendments raise any issues that can be addressed by telephone, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the number indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP

By



John W. Peck
Reg. No. 44,284
626/793-9900

JWP/tt

TXT IRV1099852.1-* -12/27/06 10:30 AM